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## MANY CANNOT REACH NETS

### Continued Spell of Rough Weather Is Greatly Bothing Gill Netters.

Heavy weather outside is reported by the little fleet of gill netters and many of the smaller boats have been hindered for several days in their operations. Several of the boats have not lifted for three days, while the Water Witch has not lifted for 12 days, having two sets of nets out. Nearly all the fleet started out this morning, but were forced back on account of the heavy blow outside.

Yesterday's receipts totalled less than 25,000 pounds, only the large steamers securing lifts of any size at all. The fleet around the shore averaged about three-fourths cod and the remainder hake and haddock, while those farther off bought pollock and cod in even quantity, with few haddock.

All the fish was shipped to Boston, and the owners will profit by the gill edged prices that are being paid.

No off shores were reported here this morning, there having been one off shore here since a week ago yesterday.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Erothers, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D. gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 4600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, Provincetown.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

##### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c.

Bank halibut 24 1-2c per lb. for white; 13c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

## CREW SHARED AN EVEN HUNDRED

As a result of their fine trip and the fancy prices paid on all grades of fresh groundfish the past few days, the new sch. Gertrude DeCosta, Capt. John Shea, will stock in the vicinity of \$2900, giving her crew of 18 men about \$100 a piece clear, establishing a record in the present winter's haddock fishery.

#### Lighthouse Changes.

Notification as follows is given by the marine department regarding the light at Chebucto Head, N. S.:

Temporary light.—The revolving white catoptric light shown from this lighthouse will be replaced without further notice, by an occulting white fourth order dioptric light, which will be maintained until the under-mentioned permanent light is installed in the lighthouse. The permanent light will be a quadruple flashing white light. The illuminating apparatus for the permanent light will be installed in the lighthouse during 1913. Further notice will be given when the permanent light is ready to be put in operation.—Lunenburg Progress-Enterprise.

#### Icebergs in Steamship Lanes.

Icebergs and flocs are rapidly bearing down on the northern steamship lanes, and unless cold weather sets in to cement the ice fields, officials of the navy hydrographic office fear shipping will be endangered. The navy department yesterday sent broadcast warnings of the reported ice. A huge ice field extending as far as the horizon east and north from the Grand Banks was reported by the British steamship Valleta. The steamship Oriflamme informed the navy department by wireless that a huge berg, 400 feet long and 50 feet in height, was drifting southward toward the steamship lanes.

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## IMPRISONED TWO FISHERMEN

Held seven months in the cuartel at Ensenada, Lower California, and finally released without trial, was the experience of Harry Koch and Albert Lunquist American fishermen, who arrived at San Diego, Cal., Thursday. They said that despite efforts by the American consul, Claude Guyant, bail was refused. Koch and Lunquist were charged with smuggling and with resisting an officer when they were captured in Mexican waters, contrary, it is claimed, to the fishing concession granted an American company. The Mexican prosecutor at Ensenada reported his finding to Mexico City for review, and it was decided there was not evidence enough to hold the men. A telegraphic order for their release was received at Ensenada Thursday. They took the first boat for San Diego.

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#### Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel of the 1912 catch received at Boston to date amount to 24,853 barrels against 29,211 barrels of the 1911 catch for the same time of last year.

## SAYS STEAM TRAWLERS PAY BIG MONEY

### Capt. Frank A. Nunan for Close Season in the Fisheries.

The Times is in receipt of another communication from Capt. Frank A. Nunan of Cape Porpoise, well known for years as a leader among the shore fishing fleet. As in his previous letters, he renews his attacks on beam trawlers and gill netters to which he is strongly opposed, and he also makes the important statement that he believes that a close season is necessary on all shore fishing, not only with the beam trawlers and gill netters, but with the hook and line trawlers as well. He says:

To the Editor of the Times:—I come back once more and ask the question again, is our fresh fishing industry changing for the best?

The person who signs his name "A Gill Netter" would like to know the difference whether the fish are caught on a hook or by net. If you go to E. A. Rich Company's place of business T wharf, you will find no gill net haddock. I think he will have to come to it soon. I don't know of any firm who tries to have better fish than E. A. Rich Company.

The best fish are the ones out of the shore boats, that set trawls in the morning, haul same by noon-time and the fish are put in the hold of the boat.

Those fish are stiff and firm, and are what are called "live" fish. (We don't often get enough now to go to market in one set, but did once).

The nets are put over at noon today and are hauled next morning; or if too stormy, when the weather permits.

The net fish have not that stiffness which the new trawl fish have. I want to deny the piece from Cape Porpoise, that if Capt. Hutchins made a success of netting, I would try it, but here are Capt. Hutchins' words to me:

"I know it is the worse thing that ever struck the shore fishing, but I may as well have my shore while it is going." I believe that is what most of the netting captains think.

I acknowledge I have helped destroy lots of haddock, and I know the fish were growing some scarcer before the netters came, but I do think the time has come to have some laws to govern the shore fishing. The only thing that will protect any kind of fish is a close time. Put in trawlers and steam trawlers with the netters.

I hope Mr. Gamage will take time to read this, for he don't see why an outsider should "butt in." We don't expect him to see, as he has not had the years of experience; but these he is writing for can, and do see.

When I went to school we had to write compositions every week. One of the scholars usually had a pretty good one, or thought she did. That scholar told the teacher she wrote them, but the class knew better. One day after one of these compositions had been passed in, a girl in the class said to her, "—, you know you never wrote that composition," the reply was, "Well, Aunt Emily told me what to say and I wrote it down."

No Wonder I "Butt In."

This winter your net boats, that are doing the best, are fishing nearer Cape

Porpoise than Gloucester, and one day I counted 15 where I have often fished years before, south from Boon Island. Do you wonder I "butt in?"

I know there will be something done sometime, but let us do it now while we have a few haddock left.

In Capt. Nelson's letter to the Times, he mentions the one per cent. paid out last winter. I think it was the means of holding the steam trawlers back one year. The three steamers now building were contracted for a year ago.

The government is investigating that mode of fishing, and I have faith to believe that those men will not say it is all right. I feel as if my one per cent. did some good.

Why should we expect anything different than what has happened, and is happening across the water?

It is nothing new, but has been tried out. Canada doesn't want it. We don't want it, and only a few in Boston, who have money invested, want the steam trawler.

You hear it mentioned that the steam trawlers don't bring in many cod. Do you forget last summer when they were fishing down Nantucket way and bringing in 75,000 to 140,000 pounds, three-fourths cod, and I will say they were nice fish. It is one or the other in time. Which shall it be?

I hate the sight of a steam trawler. Why shouldn't I?

January 27 I was in Boston and sold haddock for \$4. The steam trawler received \$2.25.

I was in one place and this conversation took place over the phone; I couldn't hear what the other end said.

"I have some nice live shore haddock, \$5, and steamer haddock for \$3." The other end wanted the shore haddock. The reply was, "Can't I make it half steamer haddock?" and was very anxious to make it half and half.

The other end took the shore haddock for \$5. I wish he could have walked down the wharf and seen the steamer haddock. Probably he had some steamer scrod some other week.

#### Stock Paid Big Dividend.

Over to another concern, the proprietor told me the company paid about 27 per cent., but it went back in the company to build new steamers. He had \$2000 invested and today could take \$5000 for the same. He said, "Now, what we want to do is to start a new company." I want to mention that I know three steamers are coming to Portland, Maine, in April to bring fish to Burnham and Morrill Company. They have a contract which ends in September.

So many on T Wharf have a little money invested in the steamers they will do all they can to keep them going. Not all on T wharf are in favor of steamers, however.

Let us get the people on our side. It will help Congressman Gardner. I receive letters and I am sending one of the best to the "Times" which I hope they will print.

I know I am taking lots of good space in your paper, and I didn't intend to write again but I have and hope it will do a little good.

FRANK A. NUNAN.

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#### Letter to Capt. Nunan.

Here is a letter I received a few days ago:

Boston Mass.

Capt. Frank A. Nunan

Dear Sir: Have read your letters in the "Times" of recent date and have been very much interested in them; so much in fact I would like to say a few words myself to you per letter.

I saw in the Monday's Times of February 3 that the gill netters employed 625 men ashore and afloat and their weekly payroll was between \$11,000 and \$12,000.

I find by dividing \$11,500 by 625 that the average pay per man would be almost \$18.50 per week. Now, I find that they really pay \$15 and \$16 per week on their little steamers and from \$12 to \$18 mending nets and wharf work, but just how that would average \$18.40 ("exact") per week is far beyond any of my mathematical calculations.

Looks to me as though they were doing just a bit of boosting.

Capt. Nelson says "the people want fish and don't care how they are caught." Maybe they don't; but how about a few years hence after the netters, by that I mean gill, cod and beam trawlers, by their awful waste, have reduced the supply and the price of a pound of fish is equal to that of beef. Then and not till then, unless we stop it now, will the public take any interest in it.

You know that through the lumberman's waste our forests have been nearly depleted, also our seal fisheries and because people could not be interested in time to prevent many other natural resources were nearly ruined.

Now, let us all join hands, aye and quickly, before the damage is done and stop gill and cod netting and beam trawling.

A FISHERMAN.

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# LAST HERRING CRAFT IS HOME

Sch. Fannie A. Smith 30 Days Coming, Harbored During the Heavy Gales.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Joseph Bonia, the last of Newfoundland herring fleet of the season to arrive is here this morning after a 30 days' passage from Beane Bay, N. F., with 600 barrels of split herring and 350 barrels of frozen herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Capt. Bonia, came along leisurely putting into various ports along the way for harbor during the heavy gales and head winds.

Sch. Eugenia is also home from a Georges headline trip, coming direct from Halifax where the craft was obliged to put in to repair her rudder. She has 14,000 pounds of salt cod.

The weather of Saturday interfered with the gill netters and but few lifts were made. Yesterday quite a number of the fleet were out, but entire receipts of the two days was less than 30,000 pounds, which were shipped to the Boston market.

Sch. Little Fannie picked up her string of nets which she lost several days ago, while the Water Witch found hers after nearly two weeks out, in which weather has interfered in the operations of the craft.

The Water Witch will lay up for a while until the weather moderates outside.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Eugenia, Georges, handlining, 14,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Bonne Bay, N. F., 600 bbls. split herring, 350 bbls. frozen herring.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 150 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Dolphin, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1900 lbs. fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 1990 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

**Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.**

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

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**Portland Fish Notes.**

Only one fish fare arrived at Portland Thursday. The Cape Porpoise schooner Richard Nunan brought in a trip of 8000 pounds. All of the fishermen put out Wednesday but on arriving at the fishing grounds found conditions so bad on account of the wind that they were forced to put back Thursday morning.

# PICKLE BARREL SAVED HIS LIFE

Capsized Orr's Island Fisherman Clung to It for Two Hours and Reached Shore

If the story is true, a pickle barrel is responsible for saving the life of an Orr's island fisherman. According to the Portland Press, the story told along the Portland waterfront Thursday was to the effect that a hampton boat fisherman by the name of Newton, while paying out his trawl in the morning was dumped into the water by the roll of the sea and as the gasoline engine was running at the time he was unable to reach the boat again.

He started to swim after the boat, but soon found that he would be unable to overtake her and so turned in the direction of the shore a half a mile away. He had gone but a short distance when he spied on the crest of a wave a hundred yards to the left of the course he was following the red pickle barrel which had contained his trawl when he was dumped out of the boat.

Evidently one of the trawl hooks had caught in the rim of the barrel and dragged it into the water. He swam to the barrel and after considerable effort managed to get astride it. This was no simple task, for the barrel persisted in rolling about. After accomplishing the feat Newton next devoted his energies to kicking in the bottom for the purpose of getting something to row his craft with.

His efforts twice precipitated him into the sea but his efforts were finally rewarded and with the small strip of wood he set to it to paddle himself to the shore. After two hours of the hardest kind of work he reached the shallow water of the beach and waded ashore. His legs were quite numb from the icy water but by running up and down the beach for some time he was able to get the blood into circulation again and when he turned his attention to locating his boat which from the direction of the wind, he judged would come ashore somewhere in the vicinity of the point where he had landed.

His surmise proved correct for he found the boat hard and fast on a partly submerged reef a few feet from the shore. The engine was still running and the propeller, which was wholly out of water, was racing at a great rate. He waded out boarded the craft and after shutting off the power he made a careful examination of the boat and found that outside of a few slight scars under the bow she had suffered no damage. He had considerable trouble in getting her off the ledge but finally succeeded and soon after reached home no worse off because of the experience which he is not likely to forget soon.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**

Salt Fish.	
Handline Georges codfish, large,	\$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2,
snappers, \$3.25.	
Eastern deck handline codfish, large,	\$5.25; medium, \$4.50.
Eastern halibut codfish, large	\$4.50; mediums, \$3.75. snappers, \$3.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50;	mediums, \$4.
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75;	snappers, \$1.25.
Pollock, \$1.50.	
Hake, \$1.50.	
Haddock, \$1.50.	
Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25,	per bbl.
Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5	per bbl.
Fresh Fish.	
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.	
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium,	\$1.75; snappers, 75c.
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums,	\$1.80; snappers, 75c.
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100	pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.15.	
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1;	snappers, 50c.
Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 90c.	
Bank halibut, 24 1-2c per lb. for	white; 13c for gray.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75	per cwt.

# FISH DEARER THAN MEAT

Short Supply at T Wharf to Meet Big Lenten Demand —Halibut 45 Cents.

Large cod and fresh halibut took another big jump this morning at T wharf, when the dealers paid \$8 to \$11 a hundred pounds for large shore cod, while 1500 pounds of halibut landed by two off-shores sold at 45 cents a pound right through, it being the highest price of the winter and one of the highest on record.

The market was pretty well cleaned out this morning. The dealers wanted fish and wanted them badly, too, in order to meet the demands of the Lenten trade and were willing to pay for them. But three fares were in; the steam trawlers Crest having 66,000 pounds of haddock and cod, besides 700 pounds of lemon sole, and Foam 23,000 pounds haddock and cod, and 700 pounds of lemon sole, while sch. Conqueror, the only sailing craft hailed for 48,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Haddock sold at \$5.50 to \$8 a hundred pounds, large cod, \$8 to \$11, market cod, \$5 to \$7, pollock, \$6 to \$7, cusk \$4 and halibut 45 cents a pound.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:

Str. Crest, 56,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 700 lemon sole, 500 halibut.

Str. Foam, 15,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 700 lemon sole.

Sch. Conqueror, 30,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 7000 cusk, 1000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Haddock, \$5.50 to \$8 per cwt.; large cod, \$8 to \$11; market cod, \$5 to \$7; pollock, \$6 to \$7; cusk, \$4; halibut, 45 cents for white and gray.

# THE FISH YEAR AT T WHARF

The Receipts of 1912 Went Over the 100,000,000 Pound Mark.

Last year was one of the best fish industry that T wharf has known for several years, according to the annual report of the Boston Fish Bureau just issued.

The total landings of fresh groundfish at the dock for the year was 95,750,570 pounds of which 52,777,200 pounds was haddock; 23,413,300 pounds, codfish. 11,381,550 pounds, hake; 2,066,100 pounds hake; 4,266,030 pounds pollock; 846,390 pounds halibut. Receipts of other fresh fish brought the total up to 100,157,080 pounds. The total receipts for the preceeding year was 93,632,509 pounds.

The season of 1912 goes on record as one of the most successful that the swordfishermen ever had. The first fish were received June 4, 5 fish from Noank, Conn. A large number of good trips were landed from Georges. Good prices prevailed during the season.

The receipts at Boston and Gloucester direct from the fishing fleet aggregated 3,028,789 lbs. against 3,184,155 in 1911. The catch on the Pacific coast was less than the preceeding year, and receipts east have been affected by the increased local demand on the Pacific coast.

During the year, three steam trawlers were added to the fleet. The fleet which landed at T wharf numbered 443, of which 264 were sailing crafts, 22 steamers, seven steam otter trawler and 150 boats of various kinds.

The largest stock in the market fishery for the year was made by sch. Josie and Phebe, Capt. Lawrence Norris, while sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Enos Nickerson is next in the list of high liners.

Some of the best stocks were:

Sch. Josie and Phebe, Capt. Lawrence Norris, \$48,000.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Enos Nickerson, \$45,000.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, Cap. Manuel C. Santos, \$43,000.

Sch. Pontiac, Capt. Ernest Parsons, \$38,000.

Sch. Matchless, Capt. Frank Gaspe, \$38,000.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, Capt. Frank Watts, \$36,000.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, Capt. Frank Nunan, \$34,710.

Sch. Jeanette, Capt. Frank Santos, \$29,000.

# FISH FAMINE IS TRULY REAL

Only Three Shore Boats With Small Fares at T Wharf—\$10 Haddock.

T wharf's fish famine continues, the receipts since yesterday doing but little to help out the situation that confronts the dealers.

Arrivals since yesterday consist of three shore crafts. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan landed 7000 pounds of mixed fish, while this morning schs. Olive F. Hutchings landed 4200 pounds and the Sadie M. Nunan, 13,800 pounds.

A few boxes reached the dock from this city from the fares landed by the gill netters Sunday.

Prices continue to soar, shore haddock reaching the price of \$10 a hundred weight. Large cod sold at \$7 to \$10.50, market cod, \$7, hake, \$6 to \$9, and pollock, \$7.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 3000 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake, 500 cusk.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 1800 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$10 per cwt.; large cod, \$7 to \$10.50; market cod, \$7; hake, \$6 to \$9; pollock, \$7.

# CASS BRACKETT MAKING MONEY

That the 30 lobstermen of Monhegan Island are averaging \$100 from their daily hauls is the report brought back to the mainland by Fish Warden Edward Bailey, who has just returned from a tour of inspection of the fishing grounds. The Monhegan lobstermen are protected by a special close time from June 25 to January 15 for a two-mile radius about the island.

Preparations were made for setting their traps on January 15 of this year, but owing to storms all waited until the 17th and since that time the fishermen have been finding an abundance of the lobsters, which proves to them that a close time for half the year is profitable.

Capt. Cass Brackett and his son Ernest are high line, according to Warden Bailey, who reports that in one morning's haul they got \$110 worth of lobsters and captured \$100 worth more in the afternoon. All efforts to reduce the close time period will be strenuously opposed by these lobstermen, who are enjoying the most lucrative catch in the history of the island. They are operating 300 traps.

# ICE MAKES IN INNER HARBOR

For the first time this winter, the inner harbor is frozen over, the continued cold spell of last week having made ice around the wharves from four to six inches thick.

Between Five Pound Island reaching nearly to Wheeler's wharf and to wharves on either side, the harbor is frozen, but the tow boats have been breaking through a passage so that unless the weather continues cold, the channel in front of the wharves will remain open.